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1. The Political Police of Rio Grande do Sul are actively investigating the activities of the Slav colonies, especially the Ukrainian and Polish groups. The Police have learned that a group of Poles from Porto Uniao and Uniao da Vitoria have direct contacts with the Communists in Montevideo and are involved in the various "accidents" which occur on the railroad between these two points (REDACTED). Included in the group are Waldomir (Wlodzimierz) Maika, his wife Eufrezyna Maika, Gila Constantina (Konstantyna), Andrzej Gil, Wladomir Gil, Jose Wawrzynczyk, and Tekla Wawrzynczuk.

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2. In the State of Parana, the leaders are Andrzej Gil (REDACTED) and Jose Panasiuk. Gil, who was arrested in June, had been arranging for the transportation of Communist propaganda material from Montevideo to Brazil. The Police have established the fact that at the time the Soviet Embassy existed in Rio de Janeiro Gil was the connecting link between the Polish and Ukrainian Communists in Parana and Soviet Ambassador Suritz. The decision of the Minister of Justice regarding Gil's deportation is pending at present.

3. In the State of Sao Paulo, one Basilio Sauruk, previously reported to be a special representative of the Montevideo Soviet Legation, allegedly acts as a courier and contact man between the Slav Communist cells and the Communist Party of Brazil (PCB). The Police also believe that one M. Gerycz, who was a key figure in the Slav movement in Sao Paulo during the legality of the Uniao Geral Eslava (General Slav Union--UGE), is a contact man for the Montevideo Soviet mission. It was learned that, after the closing of the UGE, Gerycz and B. Kruszek of Sao Paulo and P. Kotic and (fnu) Nowikowa, Montevideo Soviet employees, were charged with the instruction of Ukrainian Communists from Parana in how to deal with non-Communist Ukrainians and Poles. At the same time, the Polish and Russian Red Cross were designated to take over the UGE's activities as the main cell for Soviet propaganda in Brazil.

4. There is evidence also that, even at the time when a Soviet diplomatic mission still existed in Brazil, Communists in Southern Brazil were obtaining Russian passports from the Soviet Legation in Montevideo.

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